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Common Name: Silvereye (Greenie)

Scientific Name: *Zosterops lateralis*

Conservation Status: Listed as Least Concern under ICUN (2014). All Rottnest Island's fauna is protected under the *Rottnest Island Authority Act 1987*.

Habitat: Woodland, Wetlands, Coastal habitat, Settlement vegetation.

Body length: 10-13 cm

Weight: 7.3-12.0 g

Gestation period: 10-12 days

Number of young: 1-4 (2-4 eggs)

Description:

The bird's upper surfaces are olive-green and it has a white ring around each eye. The lower surfaces are grey apart from the throat and underneath its tail. These parts are yellow-green. It has brown eyes, a brown bill and grey legs.

Diet:

Nectar, insects, fruit and seeds.

In the Wild:

On the Island, the Silvereye, or Greenie, can be seen in small parties or larger flocks as the birds move between food sources. Silvereyes can live for more than 10 years.

Threats:

- Invasive species or pest birds
- Climate change causing habitat change
- Uncontrolled fire

DID YOU KNOW?

Silvereyes have a brush-tipped tongue which is ideal for feeding on nectar.